

U.S. Serial No. 10/750,489

Response to the Office action of July 8, 2005

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

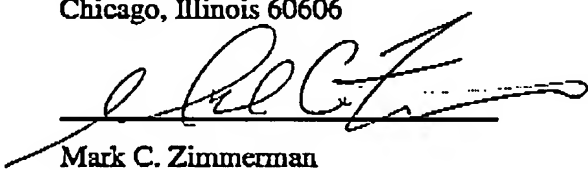
The applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 2 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicant has, therefore, restricted the application to subject matter indicated to be allowable. That is, the applicant has rewritten claims 1 and 7 to include the recitations of claims 2 and 8, respectively. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn and that claims 1, 3-7, and 9-15 be allowed in their present form. If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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